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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: Authorization for Extension of Period of Performance for Remedial Design at the NL Industries/Taracorp Site in Granite City, Illinois (IAG # DW96947548-3)

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TO: Valdas V. Adamkus
Regional Administrator

Purpose

This action memorandum requests an extension of the Period of Performance for Remedial Design (RD) activities at the NL Industries/Taracorp Site in Granite City, Illinois (NL Site). This RD is being performed under an Interagency Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (IAG #DW96947548-3).

Background

On July 4, 1990, U.S. EPA issued special notice letters to the 380 potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) at the NL Site. Under the letters, the deadline for the PRPs to provide U.S. EPA with a "good faith" offer to perform the RD and Remedial Action (RA) at the site under a Consent Decree with U.S. EPA was August 31, 1990. Although three separate offers were received on that date, none of the offers constituted a "good faith" offer. U.S. EPA then issued a Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) to the top 49 PRPs on November 27, 1990. The UAO ordered the recipients to perform the RD/RA at the NL Site. On or before January 18, 1991, the PRPs provided U.S. EPA with notices of intent to comply/not comply with the Order. U.S. EPA has determined that the PRPs are not in compliance with the UAO and that U.S. EPA should perform the RD for the NL Site. The RD, which is now estimated to cost \$2,250,000, has received funding of \$1,450,000 under previous action memoranda signed on February 12, 1991 and May 22, 1991.

Estimated Schedule

An extension to the original Period of Performance is needed because a greater extent of soil sampling is required than originally estimated, and the recent discovery of ground water contamination has resulted in the need for a focussed feasibility study for the Taracorp slag pile. This extension covers

activities associated with the original Scope of Work. These activities provide for performance of the pre-design sampling phase of Remedial Design in its entirety (a separate action memorandum will be required for RD Plans and Specifications). To accomplish this, we are requesting an extension of the Period of Performance to September 30, 1994. This extension should provide adequate time to complete the RD activities.

The Remedial Project Manager has reviewed this extension request and considers it to be reasonable for the work to be performed.

Recommendation

This request has been coordinated with the appropriate offices in the Region. I recommend that the extension to the Period of Performance be authorized for the NL Industries/Taracorp Site in Granite City, Illinois.

Attachments

BM 7/8/93

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7/14/93

BPC
7/8/93

HEW
7/14/93

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Acting OSF
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